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#### **MESSAGE:**

**SPARE TIRE CARRIER**  
Application No. 10/642,966  
Examiner Tri M. Mai  
Art Unit 3727

Amendment Transmittal  
Amendment

(575.040)

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In re Application of : Paul Slovick  
Serial No. : 10/642,966 Examiner : Tri M. Mai  
Filed : August 18, 2003 Group Art Unit : 3727  
For : SPARE TIRE CARRIER

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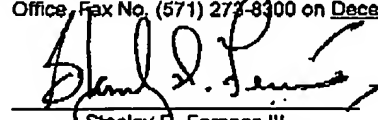
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

1. ☐ Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.
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2. ☒ In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
3. ☒ Small Entity status of this application has previously been established.
4. ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status is enclosed.

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5. ☐ Also enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_
6. ☒ No additional filing fee is required.
7. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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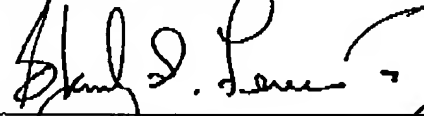
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8. ☐ Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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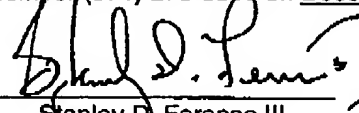
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 21, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.